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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON OCTOBER 2 MEETING (SALT TWO - 290)

1. IN TODAY'S MEETING I MADE STRONG STATEMENT OVER OUR CONCERN THAT CURRENT SOVIET ICBM PROGRAMS COULD PROVE DESTABILIZING BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL THREAT TO SURVIVABILITY OUR ICBM FORCES, AND SEMENOV MADE LONG STATEMENT WHICH REAFFIRMED WITH SOME ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION ON THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION ON CARRYING FORWARD INTERIM AGREEMENT CATEGORIES AND NUMBERS INTO PERMANENT AGREEMENT. WHILE TOUCHING ON NECESSITY OF DEALING WITH MATTERS NOT INCLUDED IN INTERIM AGREEMENT HE MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, BUT HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD BE DEALING WITH THOSE MATTERS IN HIS NEXT STATEMENT.

2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION I REJECTED HIS CHARGE THAT BY MY STATEMENTS ON EQUAL SECURITY INTERESTS AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION I WAS INJECTING THIRD-COUNTRY MATTERS NOT APPROPRIATE TO OUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. I POINTED OUT THAT ON THE CONTRARY BY THEIR PROPOSALS THAT US WITHDRAW WEAPON SYSTEMS AND BASES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES, IT WAS THE SOVIETS WHO WERE, IN FACT, INTRODUCING SUCH THIRD-COUNTRY ELEMENTS. I THEN REVIEWED AT SOME LENGTH OUR POSITION ON CENTRAL VERSUS NON-CENTRAL SYSTEMS, SAYING I HOPED HIS PRESENTATION WOULD TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF OUR VIEWS AND PROBLEMS THAT WE ENVISIONED

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IN ANY ATTEMPT TO MOVE BEYOND NON-CIRCUMVENTION FOR NON-CENTRAL SYSTEMS

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3. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION AS TO WHETHER MY STATEMENT AT OUR LAST MEETING THAT WE HAD IN OUR PROPOSALS "TAKEN ACCOUNT" OF THEIR APRIL 6 PROPOSAL MEANT THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO AGREE "IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER" TO THEIR APRIL 6 PROPOSAL, I SAID THAT JUNE 21 JOINT AGREEMENT REPRESENTED MAXIMUM AREA OF AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES AND THAT I WAS NOT PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE EXERCISE OF SEEKING TO CHANGE, ENLARGE OR AMEND THAT AGREEMENT IN ANY WAY. I SUGGESTED OUR TASK NOW WAS TO TRANSLATE THOSE PRINCIPLES INTO CONCRETE AGREEMENT.

4. OTHER PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS SIMPLY ENLARGED ON AND SUPPORTED THEMES IN SEMENOV'S FORMAL STATEMENT AND HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME. THERE IS NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN THEY MAY MAKE ANY STATEMENT ON MIRVS. JOHNSON

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